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TEXAS'S OWN FOURTH

REACH 2 A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN LONE STAR STATE.

Separation From Mexico Went Formally Into Effect on That Day—Strong Document Drawn Up As a Declaration of Independence.

Few Americans are aware that in one of the greatest states of the Union the second day of March is a legal holiday. Some would be mystified if told, furthermore, that this is the date of the Declaration of Independence of one part of the American nation. Such, however, are the facts. The state is Texas. What the Fourth of July is in the history of the thirteen original colonies, the second of March is in the history of Texas.

The opening of the year 1836 found Texas in quite an anomalous condition. She was engaged in active fighting against Mexico, and yet seemed to have no other idea than that of retaining a portion of Mexico. In November of the preceding year a gathering known as the general consultation had been held at San Felipe. The name consultation was applied to this because the Mexicans were prejudiced against "conventions." This one fact shows how anxious the Texans were to retain the favor of Mexico. Provision was made for another council, to meet the 1st of March of the next year. On Feb. 1 an election was held, and fifty-eight were chosen as delegates to that gathering.

These assembled March 1 in the picturesque old town of Washington, on the Brazos. The next day they unanimously adopted a declaration of independence. It was written by George C. Childress, and is considered a strong document. The opening lines are as follows:

"When a Government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people, from whom its legitimate powers are derived—"

It then proceeds to state concisely and vigorously sixteen separate points in which the government of Mexico had failed in its duty to Texas. It then states that "these and other grievances were patiently borne until they reached the point at which forbearance ceased to be a virtue." It declares that the Texans then took up arms in defense of the "national Constitution"—that is, the Constitution of Mexico—but that now "the necessity of self-preservation decrees an eternal political separation." It closes by committing the issue to the decision of the "Supreme Arbiter of the destinies of nations."

The first name signed is that of Richard Ellis, the president of the gathering. Then follow the names of fifty-one others who were present. Sam Houston was one of these. Last come the names of six others who were elected delegates, but were not present, and signed later. Nearly all of the fifty-eight names are now perpetuated as the names of counties on the map of Texas.

After all, however, one can not help feeling that this declaration of independence was largely a matter of form. Practically speaking the connection with the mother country had already been severed. There had been some months of actual fighting. The battles of Concepcion, Goliad and Gonzales had already been fought. San Antonio had already been captured by the Texans and recaptured by the Mexicans. At the very time the convention was in session Travis, Bowie, Crockett and their brave followers were making their last heroic stand at the Alamo. On Sunday, March 6, the last letter written by Travis was received. When the president read the message one member sprang to his feet and moved that the members of the convention arm themselves and march immediately to the Alamo to relieve Travis. Sam Houston opposed this. He claimed that the first duty of the convention was to establish a government and a constitution. He offered to collect troops himself and march to the relief. This he did, but all too late. On the night of the very day when they were discussing it—Sunday, March 6, 1836—the final attack was made. All the world knows the result. The Alamo fell, but its glorious fall made forever impossible the failure of Texan independence, so peacefully declared in the quiet town of Washington only a few days before.

Thinks Crime Hereditary.

Jailer John L. Whitman of Chicago, said the other day in a lecture before a women's club, that, in his opinion, if the family history of a bank defaulter were examined it is probable that some one of his ancestors would be found to have been a shortweight grocer or a petty criminal against society. "Crime," he added, "is a disease, and its only cure is kind treatment."

One of the hardest tasks ever set to man is to sift the truth out of a lie.

SOME SURPRISES IN MOURNING.

Two Phases of the English Woman's Way of Manifesting Grief.

"One of the things that every little while gives me a surprise in England is the vagaries of conventional mourning as practiced in English society," says an American woman who has lived much in London. "I never quite know what to expect from an English woman in mourning."

"Last season over there I was giving a dinner and confided to an English friend with whom I was quite intimate and who was in deep mourning my regret that she could not be present."

"Why, my dear," she said, "I'll come directly, but I must dine upstairs."

"So, on the night in question she, in a dazzling effective dinner dress of black gauze, decollete and sleeveless, was served with dinner in the library while the rest of my guests sat through the courses in the dining-room."

When the ladies went to the drawing-room Mrs. G. was there, took coffee with us gaily and finished the evening with the gentlemen as they strolled in from their cigars.

"This should have prepared me for any inconsistency. But not very long afterward I could with difficulty repress a smile at the conduct of another English woman in mourning whom I met at the house of a friend. A table of bridge was being made up and the hostess asked her to join."

"Yes, dear," she replied, carelessly, "but you must put me at a mourning table."

"In other words, she would only play with persons who were in bereavement like herself."—New York Sun.

STILL HAVE BELIEF IN WITCHES.

Remarkable Case of Superstition Reported from England.

Superstition is not yet dead. A few days ago a lady living in Cornwall received a letter from a woman dwelling twenty miles away in a lonely coast village, in whose house she had frequently spent some months of the summer months. The letter was not well written, but the woman can hardly be old enough to have escaped compulsory education altogether. Yet she wrote to say that there was somebody in that coast village who had been "ill-wished" and was in consequence likely to die. She had heard that in the town to which she had addressed her letter there was a skilful white witch who, for a consideration, would be willing to provide the sufferer with a charm which would be a sovereign cure. She asked the lady to endeavor to discover the name and address of the benefactor. That such a letter should be written in these civilized days is not specially surprising, but the instances are not worth noting, for those who have had most experience in the study of the superstitious beliefs of the peasantry know well that for one which gets written down in this way there are generally two or three vastly more interesting which are never disclosed except in moments of extreme emotion and panic.—London Post.

Signal for All Nations.

For some time a novel alarm signal has been in use on the Alps, and so successful has it proved that several European journals are now suggesting that it be made international instead of merely local.

The signal consists of a shout or whistle or a gunshot, which may be repeated six times. A traveler who loses his way on the Alps can also give the alarm by brandishing a lighted lantern six times at regular intervals. The essential feature of the signal is that the shout or the whistle or the gunshot must be repeated six times—no more and no less. Anyone who hears such a signal is bound to respond immediately.

Before, however, he goes to the assistance of the person in need, he must let him know that his appeal for help has been heard, and this he is to do either by shouting or whistling three times, or by firing three shots.

What They Did With the Seeds.

This is the season of the year when each congressman receives from the agricultural department several thousand packages of garden seeds. When a congressman's district consists of nothing but houses, and where there are no back yards, like Representative Ruppert's ballwick, the seeds are traded off for public documents. Mr. Ruppert, however, sent a few packages to his New York city constituents as an experiment. Some of the seeds went to people living in a model tenement. A few days ago Mr. Ruppert received a letter from the owner of the tenement. "Please do not send any more seeds," he wrote. "The people in my building have converted all their bathtubs into gardens. The scheme is all right so far as irrigation is concerned, but it is a little tough on the tubs."—Washington Post.

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